# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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AWARDS TO INVENTORS
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to award the inventors for their inventions from this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the award-money; and

(c) the criteria laid down for making selection of the awardees for the purpose?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. Vallabhbhai Kathiria)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The Government of India have launched severalschemes such as 'National Innovation Foundation', 'CSIRDiamond Jubilee Invention Award for School Children' and 'Biotech Product & Process Development and Commercialisation Awards' to award the inventors. The details of the schemes and criteria for selecting awardees are given in Annexure.

ANNEXURE

National Innovation Foundation

National Innovation Foundation is setup for scouting and documenting grassroots innovations. Awards are given at the national level to selected innovators through a national competition. The scheme has been in operation for the last two years.

CSIR Diamond Jubilee Invention Award for School children

Government had formulated the Scheme entitled' CSIRDiamond Jubilee Invention Award for School children' in the year 2002. Any Indian school going children up to class XIIand below 18 years of age as on 30th June, 2002 was eligible to apply for the award. There were in all 60 prizes.

The Selection criteria as laid down is:- Invention should be novel, non-oblivious and utilitarian for any new conceptor idea or solution to an existing problem or completely a new method/device/utility. Even a concept o f t h e invention proved through a prototype/experimental data would qualify even if the invention has not been worked.

The awardees were selected by two tier system- 1. A five member specialist committee for shortlisting and 2. The final recommending committee.

Biotech Product & Process Development and Commercialisation Awards

The Department of Biotechnology has instituted Biotech Product & Process Development and CommercialisationAwards in 2001 for Indian scientists/ innovators/ entrepreneurs/ institutions/ companies engaged both in public as well as private sector for outstanding contributions f o r a new process, product development and commercialization o f a technology o r a product in the areas of biotechnology and biological science including agriculture, biomedical and environmental sciences. Five awards are given every year on Technology Day, 11th May since 2001 subject to suitability of nominees. Each award carries a cash amount of Rs. 1.00 lakh alongwith a citation. The selection for the awards is made on the basis of the recommendations of an Expert Committee constituted specifically for the purpose by the Department of Biotechnology. The contributions especially during the last five years are taken as main consideration in the selection of the nominees for these awards.